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STEPPED METAL PIPE AND TUBE

ELECTION

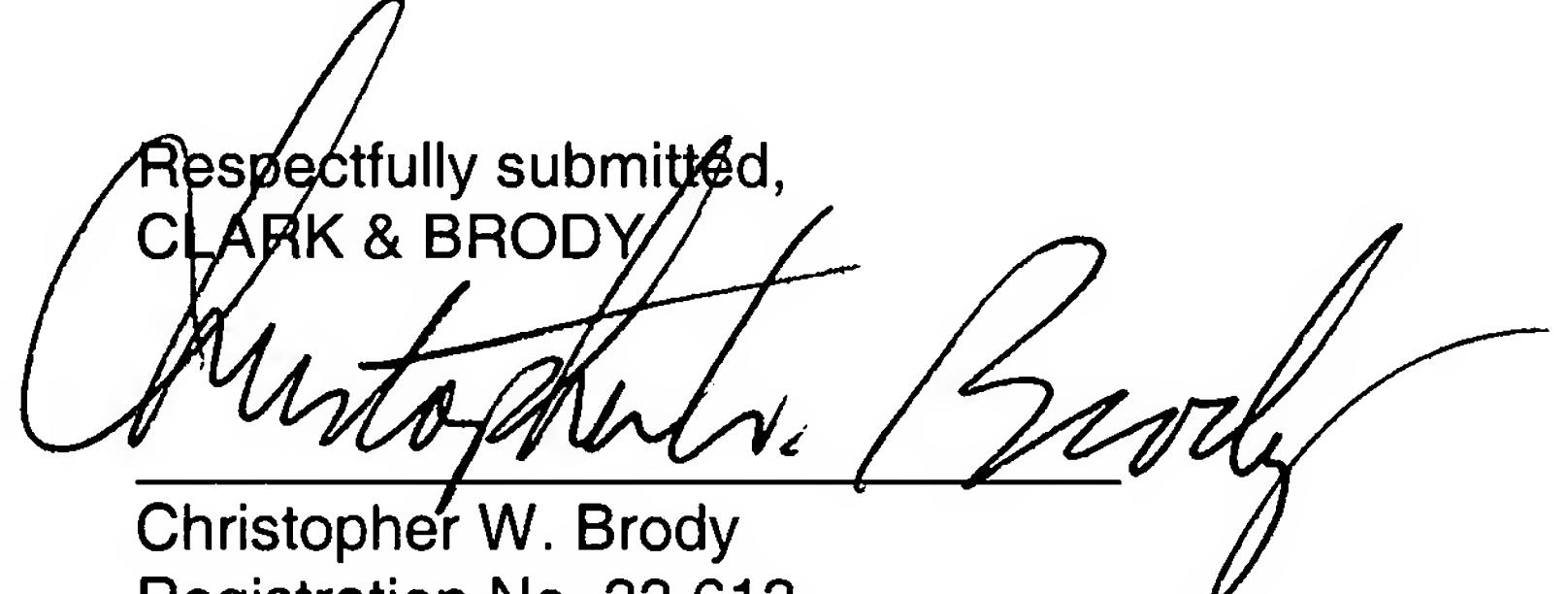
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of September 20, 2007, Applicants elect the Group I invention, claims 1-3 without traverse. An early examination on the merits of these claims is respectfully requested.

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